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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON JUL 10 REPEATED FOR ACTION DEPT
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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET REACTION TO ELECTIONS

1. EVENING SEPTEMBER 8 [redacted], RDV PARTY COMMITTEE, DROPPED BY POLAD'S RESIDENCE TO BRIEFLY DISCUSS CURRENT RDV POSITION VIS A VIS OUTCOME OF RECENT ELECTIONS.

2. CHIEF POINT [redacted] WANTED TO MAKE WAS THAT HA THUC KY HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN NOR SIGNED COMPLAINT TENDERED BY 8 LOSING

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CANDIDATES ON SEPT 7 PRESS CONFERENCE. [redacted] STATED RDV PARTY COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY KIND OF ALLIANCE WITH TRUONG DINH DZU BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY VC AND, THEREFORE ANY GROUP SUPPORTING DZU WOULD ALSO BENEFIT VC. RDV PARTY KNEW FROM THEIR PEOPLE IN POLICE THAT VC HAD SUPPORTED DZU IN QUANG NGAI.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 8, A PARTY MEMBER SENT BY RDV CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARRIVED IN DANANG TO TELL PARTY MEMBERS THAT EVEN THOUGH PARTY HAD LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS ABOUT WAY ELECTION CONDUCTED IN SOME PLACES, PARTY WOULD ACCEPT OUTCOME OF ELECTION AND DROP PUBLIC CRITICISM OF ELECTIONS. CONTINUATION OF SUCH CRITICISM WOULD ONLY HARM NATION AND PARTY AND BENEFIT VC AND PEOPLE "LIKE THAT DZU" (THANG DZU). WHEN ASKED IF HA THUC KY WOULD ACCEPT POSITION IN GOVERNMENT IF SUCH WERE OFFERRED, [redacted] DODGED QUESTION, BUT STATED THAT PARTY WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIEU GOVERNMENT AND COOPERATE WITH IT, PROVIDED IT DID NOT BECOME DIC TORIAL.

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4. [redacted] WENT ON TO SAY THAT PARTY WAS PLEASED ABOUT VICTORY OF NGUYEN NGOC KY UPPER HOUSE LIST. HE STATES THAT SINCE ALL CANDIDATES ON FOUR RDV LISTS WERE PARTY MEMBERS, THEIR LIST HAS BETTER CHANCE OF HOLDING TOGETHER THAN DO OTHER HETERO-GENEOUS LISTS.

5. NEXT MAJOR THRUST BY PARTY WILL BE DIRECTED AT WINNING SEATS IN LOWER HOUSE. IN SEVERAL CONSTITUENCIES IN I CORPS MORE PARTY CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE SEATS HAVE REGISTERED SO THAT ALL SPOTS WILL BE COVERED IN CASE ANYONE IS EXCLUDED. IF PEOPLE ARE NOT DROPPED THEN SOME WILL WITHDRAW. DANANG PARTY IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT CANDIDACY OF HO KIM ANH, NOW CHAIRMAN OF DNANAG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WHOSE CANDIDACY FOR CA WAS DISQUALIFIED FOR PARTICIPATION IN STRUGGLE FIVE. RECENTLY [redacted] TALKED TO MAYOR CUONG ABOUT ANH'S CASE. CUONG, ALTHOUGH NON-COMMITAL CLAIMED TO HAVE EVIDENCE OF ANH'S ALLEGED PARTICIPATION. [redacted] IS NOT SURE WHETHER ANH WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN OR NOT.

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6. COMMENT: APPARENTLY RDV PARTY HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT ELECTION. THIS PROBABLY PRECLUDES ANY ALLIANCE BY RDV WITH BUDDHISTS OR OTHERS TO OPPOSE ELECTIONS OR GVN IN NEAR

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FUTURE ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE EVIDENCE OF VC SUPPORT FOR DZU, HIS TAN DAI VIET AFFILIATION IS PROBABLY A MORE SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN RDV REFUSAL TO SUPPORT HIS POSITION. ALSO FACT THAT RDV UPPER HOUSE LIST WON, PROBABLY CONTRIBUTES TO RELUCTANCE TO CRITICISE ELECTION OUTCOME TOO STRENUOUSLY.

7. CASE OF HO KIM ANH'S CANDIDACY FOR LOWER HOUSE WILL PROVE INTERESTING. ANH APPARENTLY JOINED RD' PARTY IN EARLY 1967 AND PARTY TAKES LINE THAT ANH'S GUILT IS BY ASSOCIATION WITH CITY COUNCIL RATHER THAN BY ACTUAL DEED. MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ADMINISTRATION BOTH CLAIM TO HAVE PROOF ANH WAS AN ACTIVE STRUGGLER, HOWEVER, AND DEP ADMIN HAS PRIVATELY STATED TO DANANG SPA THAT HE WILL TRY AND GET ANH REMOVED FROM RUNNING. FACTS OF CASE FURTHER BLURRED BY FACT THAT ANH WAS APPARENTLY APPROACHED TO HEAD THIEU KY CAMPAIGN IN DANANG. ANH CLAIMS HE REFUSED BECAUSE HE SUPPORTED HA THUC KY. BOTH I CORPS COMMANDER GEN LAM AND CHIEF OF STAFF COL NGHI HAVE STATED PRIVATELY TO POLAD THAT FORMER STRUGGLERS (NOT VC) WILL BE ALLOWED TO RUN. ANH'S CANDIDACY WILL BE INTERESTING TEST CASE.
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